

30<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear parents/carers

This letter is to inform you of the current situation and to provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Following the announcement on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020, Birmingham will now enter **Tier 3 from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020.**

School will remain open and, providing your child remains well, they can continue to attend school as normal. All children will come into school, including those who were previously shielding, unless that have medical advice to the contrary.

Education is really important in any child's development; it is important that we now continue to build momentum, through regular attendance every day, to help our pupils to continue to make progress and work through the curriculum.

I am pleased to say that some year groups have had excellent attendance so far, with Y6 leading the way in primary at 95% attendance and Y7 with 94.1%. This is fantastic as we know the link between attendance and academic achievement. It is really important we all work together to ensure no further disruption to your child's education.

Please follow the NHS guidelines and do not send your child in if they or anyone in their household is displaying symptoms of Covid 19 or if they or anyone in their household has tested positive for Covid-19 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Please also follow the new rules for Tier 3 once the lockdown finishes, as outlined overleaf, so that we can keep our community safe.

I know that we can work together as a team: parents, pupils and staff at Ark Victoria to ensure excellent attendance for all and a safe, healthy and happy community.

Yours faithfully



Ms. E McSorley  
**Principal**



## TIER 3

# VERY HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

<b>MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY</b> <p>No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).</p>	<b>BARs, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS</b> <p>Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.</p>	<b>RETAIL</b> <p>Open.</p>	<b>WORK AND BUSINESS</b> <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
<b>EDUCATION</b> <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	<b>INDOOR LEISURE</b> <p>Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.</p>	<b>ACCOMMODATION</b> <p>Closed (with limited exceptions)</p>	<b>PERSONAL CARE</b> <p>Open.</p>
<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b> <p>We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.</p>	<b>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS</b> <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.</p>	<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b> <p>Indoor venues closed.</p>	<b>PLACES OF WORSHIP</b> <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
<b>TRAVELLING</b> <p>Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.</p>	<b>EXERCISE</b> <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	<b>RESIDENTIAL CARE</b> <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	<b>LARGE EVENTS</b> <p>Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.</p>

### Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

[gov.uk/coronavirus](http://gov.uk/coronavirus)

### If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature · A new, continuous cough  
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

**Get a test and stay at home**

For more information and detailed guidance visit:  
[gov.uk/coronavirus](http://gov.uk/coronavirus)

